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THERE WILL BE NO GROWTH IN FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF SPACE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS. A NEW FEDERAL FOUR-YEAR, MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD 1976 - 1979 INDICATES THAT THE PROGRAM WILL BE ESSENTIALLY STATIC; FINANCED AT AN AVERAGE OF DM 564 MILLION PER YEAR. ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE FUNDS ARE PROJECTED FOR NATIONAL AND BILATERAL PROJECTS (INCLUDING HELIOS AND OTHER EXTRATERRESTRIAL RESEARCH), WHILE APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS COVER INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY (ESA) PROGRAM (INCLUDING A TOTAL GERMAN CONTRIBUTION TO SPACELAB OF DM 643.3 MILLION FOR AN EIGHT-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1972-1979). MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE GERMAN SPACE PROGRAM ARE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPETITIVENESS OF GERMAN INDUSTRY, DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND EXTRATERRESTRIAL RESEARCH AND EARTH SURVEYING. A DETAILED OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE SUBMITTED BY AIRGRAM.

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